

Appl. No. 10/810,966  
Amdt. dated January 31, 2006  
Reply to Notice of Allowability of December 1, 2005

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Applicants' attorney has carefully reviewed the allowed claims, and has found several errors involving lack of antecedent basis and/or incorrect claim dependencies, incorrect punctuation, incorrect grammar, incorrect spelling, incorrect counting, or other obvious errors. For example, several commas are replaced with colons.

The allowed independent claims are not amended, so Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments do not introduce new issues of patentability.


Applicants submit that the foregoing amendments are necessary to correct the above errors. In many claims, antecedent basis is corrected by changing the base claim to another claim that provides antecedent basis. For example, claim 27 cannot depend on itself, so the base claim for claims 27-33 and 35-37 is changed from 27 to 26.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the foregoing amendments should be entered.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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